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Case JA-138

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
EBRAHIM REZAI ET AL.

Serial No. 09/171,049

Filed October 12, 1998

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING
IMPROVED STRUCTURAL
STABILITY IN DRY AND WET
STATES AND MAKING
METHODS THEREFOR

: Group Art Unit 1771

: Examiner: C. Pratt

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED
APRIL 25, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. An absorbent material comprising:
- (a) absorbent gelling particles comprising a water-insoluble absorbent hydrogel forming polymer;
 - (b) a polycationic polymer;
 - (c) from about 1 % to about 10% of glue microfibers selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) tackifier modified polymers,
 - ii) pressure sensitive adhesives, and
 - iii) mixtures thereof;